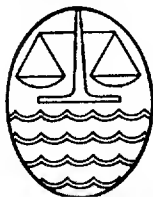




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#### Article I

##### Definitions

For the purpose of these articles:

(a) the term "enclosed sea" shall refer to a small body of inland waters surrounded by two or more States which is connected to the open seas by a narrow outlet.

(b) the term "semi-enclosed sea" shall refer to a sea basin located along the margins of the main ocean basins and enclosed by the land territories of two or more States.

#### Article II

The general rules set out in this convention shall apply to an enclosed or semi-enclosed sea in a manner consistent with the special characteristics of these seas and the needs and interests of their coastal States.

#### Article III

The preservation and protection of the marine environment of an enclosed or semi-enclosed sea and the management of its resources shall be the responsibility of the coastal States. To this end the coastal States may, in addition to global norms;

(a) adopt regional rules and standards aimed at the better protection of their environment against marine pollution.

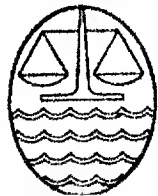
(b) co-ordinate their activities in relation to the management and exploitation of the renewable resources of the enclosed or semi-enclosed sea under regional arrangements.

#### Article IV

Scientific research in an enclosed or semi-enclosed sea shall be conducted only with the consent of the coastal States concerned.



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Article IV

Last line: For coastal States concerned read coastal State concerned

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